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Celebrate Christmas in August **Gecko's Grill & Pubs Support the** **Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots Campaign**

In a gesture of support to what may be a most difficult holiday season for Sarasota families, **Gecko's Grill & Pubs in Sarasota** have teamed up with the local chapter **Toys For Tots campaign** to help start collecting toys for needy children in August. Look for the Christmas tree sporting red, gold and green ornaments and blue star Hanukah symbols. Patrons are asked to bring in a new unwrapped toy or donate \$10 to Toys for Tots and then choose an ornament. Each ornament is a winner. Participants can expect to win \$2 off coupons, \$5 gift certificates, Free Drink cards or \$50 Gecko's gift certificates.

Special drop boxes have been placed at both of Gecko's Sarasota locations and customers and employees are starting to fill them with toys and cash donations.

"Our employees and regular customers have already started to donate and fill the boxes with toys. We are proud to start early and help support a program that reaches so many needy children," said Tonya Gowan, spokesperson and coordinator of the Toys for Tots fundraiser at Gecko's Grill & Pub.

Toys for Tots works with many family organizations in the area to provide toys to needy children birth to 16 years of age in our community. If you or your business would like to participate or contribute, please contact area organizer Sandy Lacey at 941-925-4014.

Participating Gecko's Grill & Pub's Sarasota locations include
"The Landings" 4870 S. Tamiami Trail * 923-8896
"Palmer Crossing" 5585 Palmer Crossing Drive * 923-6061

Other area Toys for Tots' events scheduled in this season's early toy collecting campaign include:

Elks Lodge 2495

4680 Rosin Way

Sarasota, FL 34233

1. Sunday, October 4, 2009 from Noon to 4:00 pm Luncheon, Entertainment and Auction
2. Tuesday, November 3, 2009 from Noon to 4:00 pm Bridge Tournament, Prizes & Give Aways

You may learn more about Gecko's Grill & Pubs online at www.geckosgrill.com

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